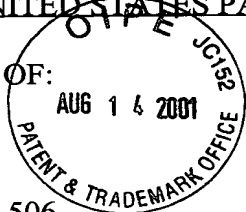


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IN RE APPLICATION OF:
Teruaki TAJI, ET AL.



SERIAL NO.: 09/810,506

FILED: March 19, 2001

FOR: METHOD FOR PROVIDING A PROPERTY OF STRESS -RESISTANCE

**INTERIM WAIVER of 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1) FOR
PETITION TO ACCEPT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS**

ASSISTANT COMMISSIONER FOR PATENTS
WASHINGTON, D.C. 20231

SIR:

Applicants request that the requirement for a Petition for Acceptance of Photographs be withdrawn. Pursuant to 37 C.F.R. § 1.84(b)(1) as revised and published in the Official Gazette of August 4, 1998, petitions and/or petition fees are no longer required in order for the PTO to accept black and white photographs.

Applicants submit herewith THREE (3) sheets of Photographs for FIGS. 1, 2, 5, 6 7 and FOUR (4) sheets of Formal Drawings for FIGS. 3A - 3D, 4, 8, 9 & 10.

Respectfully submitted,

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Attached hereto for filing are the following papers:

NOTICE TO FILE MISSING PARTS— RETURN COPY
INTERIM WAIVER OF 37 C.F.R. §1.84(b) (1) FOR PETITION TO ACCEPT BLACK & WHITE PHOTOGRAPHS;
LETTER TO THE OFFICIAL DRAFTSMAN; FOUR (4) SHEETS OF FORMAL DRAWINGS FOR FIGS. 3A - 3D, 4, 8, 9 & 10;
THREE (3) SHEETS OF PHOTOGRAPHS FOR FIGS: 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7 FOR A TOTAL OF SEVEN (7) SHEETS AND BLACK & WHITE
COPIES OF FIGS. 1, 2, 5, 6 & 7.
REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME
FILING OF DECLARATION UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(f)
DECLARATION, POWER OF ATTORNEY AND PETITION, EXECUTED, 4 PAGES
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FILING OF CERTIFIED ENGLISH TRANSLATION UNDER 37 C.F.R. §1.52(d)
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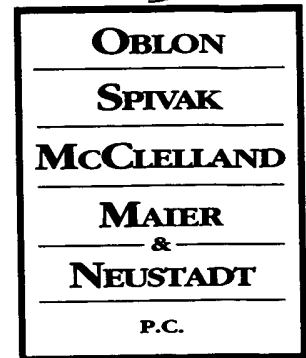
Our check in the amount of \$ 110.00 is enclosed covering any required fees. In the event of any variance between the amount enclosed and the Patent Office charges, please charge or credit the difference to our Deposit Account No. 15-0030. A duplicate copy of this sheet is enclosed.

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FILED UNDER 37 CFR 1.53(b)

Filing Date Granted

An application number and filing date have been accorded to this application. The item(s) indicated below, however, are missing. Applicant is given **TWO MONTHS** from the date of this Notice within which to file all required items and pay any fees required below to avoid abandonment. Extensions of time may be obtained by filing a petition accompanied by the extension fee under the provisions of 37 CFR 1.136(a).

- The oath or declaration is missing.
A properly signed oath or declaration in compliance with 37 CFR 1.63, identifying the application by the above Application Number and Filing Date, is required.
- The application was filed in a language other than English. Applicant is required to provide an English translation of the specification and a statement that the translation is accurate. (See 37 CFR 1.52(d)).
- Because your specification was filed in a language other than English, the Office was unable to determine the number of claims submitted. Additional claim fees may be due once the number of claims can be determined.

The application is informal since it does not comply with the regulations for the reason(s) indicated below.

The required item(s) identified below must be timely submitted to avoid abandonment:

- Substitute drawings in compliance with 37 CFR 1.84 because:
 - drawing figures contain text that is not in English (including, for example, a flow chart that was originally not in English that has been marked up to include the English text) see 37 CFR 1.84(p)(2) and 37 CFR 1.52(d)(1);

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SIR:

Responsive to the notification dated **May 14, 2001**, and in accordance with the provisions of 37 CFR 1.53(f), Applicants submit herewith a Rule 63 Declaration.

The required fee was paid at the time of filing the application.

In light of the foregoing, this application is deemed to be in proper condition for examination and such favorable action is earnestly solicited.

Respectfully Submitted,

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A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Norman F. Oblon", written over a horizontal line.

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